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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition for treating sudden deafness containing, as an active ingredient, isoflavone aglycone concentrate having a superoxide scavenging activity of 12000 units/g, and wherein:

said isoflavone aglycone concentrate is at least 30 wt.% isoflavone aglycone,

<u>and</u>

the isoflavone aglycone concentrate contains at least 70 wt.% diadzein.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (canceled).